

**TIME BASED MULTI-TIERED MANAGEMENT
OF RESOURCE SYSTEMS**

ABSTRACT

A method, system, and computer program for managing multi-tiered
5 resource systems, such as Storage Area Networks (SANs). Resource tiers
in the resource system are examined to if they are in compliance with a
management policy. If a resource tier is not in compliance with the
management policy, a processing operation automatically attempts to
bring the resource tier in compliance with the management policy. The
10 management policy may, for example, include a requirement that an
expiration date of the resource tier occur after a maintenance date.